FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

In the Matter of the Claim of

JOHN E. DODSON

Claim No.CU-8780

Decision No.CU 6271

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949. as amended

Represented by Cia. Minera Lehigh, S.A.

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PROPOSED DECISION

Claimant, JOHN E. DODSON, who owned a stock interest in Compania Minera Lehigh, S.A., asserts a claim under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1929, as amended, against the Government of Cuba because of the nationalization of said Company's properties.

In our decision entitled Nolan P. Benner et al., Trustees,

(Claim No. CU-8773 which we incorporate herein by reference), we held that the properties owned by the Company were nationalized or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba on November 23, 1959, and that this type of claim is compensable to an American national under the facts and conditions set forth therein. We need not again detail here the reasons or the method used in determining the value per share of \$110.76.

On the basis of evidence in the record in the instant case, the Commission finds that this claimant comes within the terms of the <u>Benner</u> decision; that he was an American national at the requisite times; that he has been the owner of 247 shares of stock in Compania Minera Lehigh, S.A. since prior to November 23, 1959 and that he suffered a loss in the amount of \$27,357.72

within the meaning of Title V of the Act. Further, the Commission finds that the amount of loss sustained shall be increased by interest thereon at the rate

f 6% per annum from November 23, 1959 the date of loss, to the date on hich provisions are made for the settlement thereof. (See Benner, supra.)

CERTIFICATION OF LOSS

The Commission certifies that JOHN E. DODSON suffered a loss, as a lt of actions of the Government of Cuba, within the scope of Title V f the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount f Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents 327,357.72) with interest at 6% per annum from November 23, 1959 to the date f settlement.

ited at Washington, D.C., id entered as the Proposed icision of the Commission

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FICE TO TREASURY: The above-referenced securities may not have been smitted to the Commission or if submitted, may have been returned;

The statute <u>does not provide for the payment of claims</u> against the vernment of Cuba. Provision is only made for the determination by the mission of the validity and amounts of such claims. Section 501 of the tute specifically precludes any authorization for appropriations for ment of these claims. The Commission is required to certify its dings to the Secretary of State for possible use in future negotiations h the Government of Cuba.

cordingly, no payment should be made until claimant establishes reten-

on of the securities or the loss here certified.

ICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this sed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. .5(e) and (g), as amended, (1970).)

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